

— THE GOSPEL OF —
JOHN

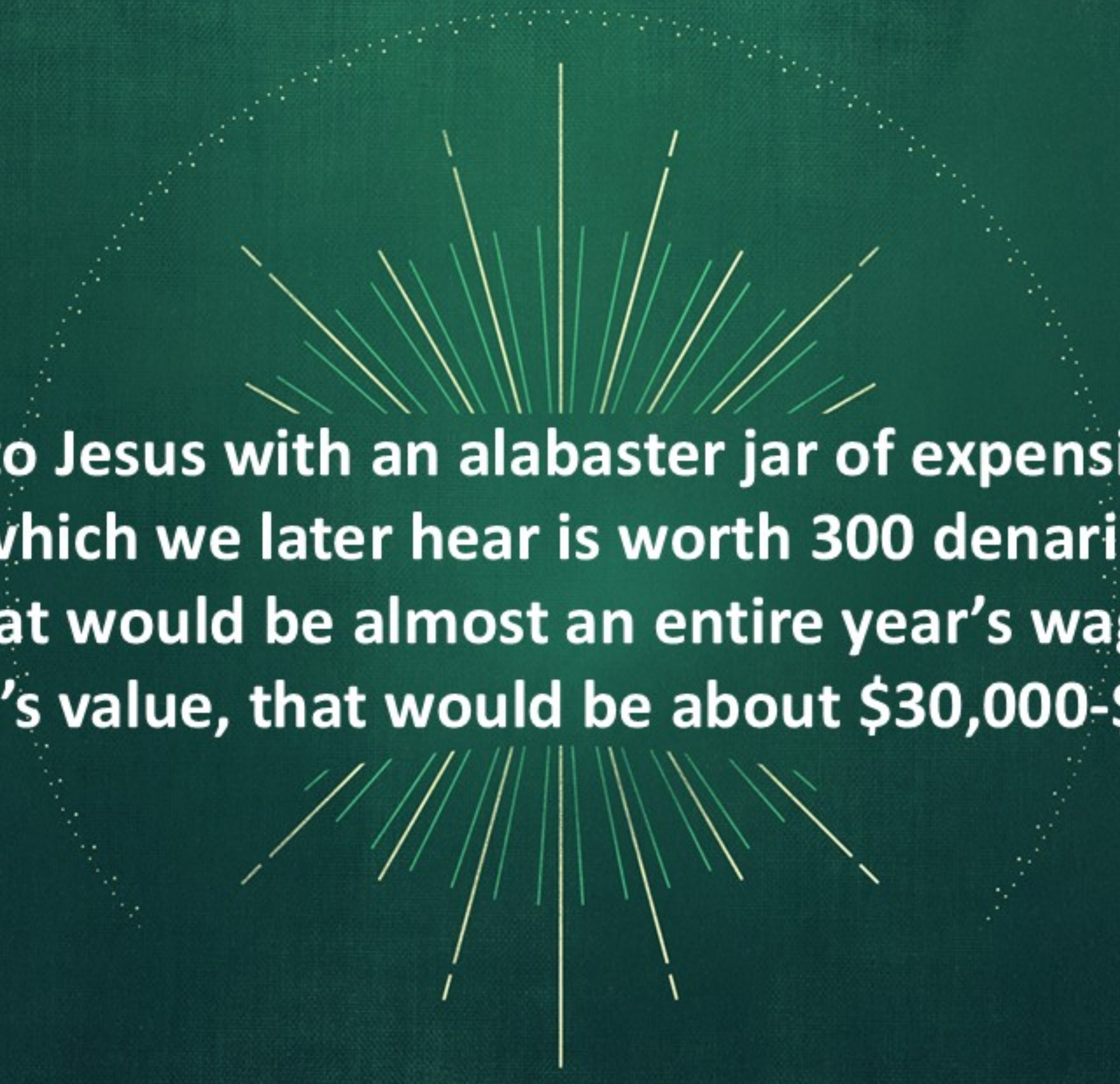
“Sweet and Sour”

John 12:1-11

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**Mary came to Jesus with an alabaster jar of expensive perfume,
which we later hear is worth 300 denarii.
That would be almost an entire year's wage.
In today's value, that would be about \$30,000-\$35,000.**

“Then the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.” 2 Samuel 24:24-25

American Worldview Inventory 2025

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The survey results indicate that God is not the most valuable aspect of people's lives today. Instead, the focus has shifted towards other elements such as personal growth, spirituality, and the pursuit of meaning and purpose. The findings suggest that while God remains a significant part of many people's lives, the importance of these other aspects has grown, reflecting a broader cultural and spiritual shift."

**"Americans are increasingly minimizing
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-Dr. George Barna

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“Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.” Matthew 26:14-16

“Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.”

Luke 22:3-6

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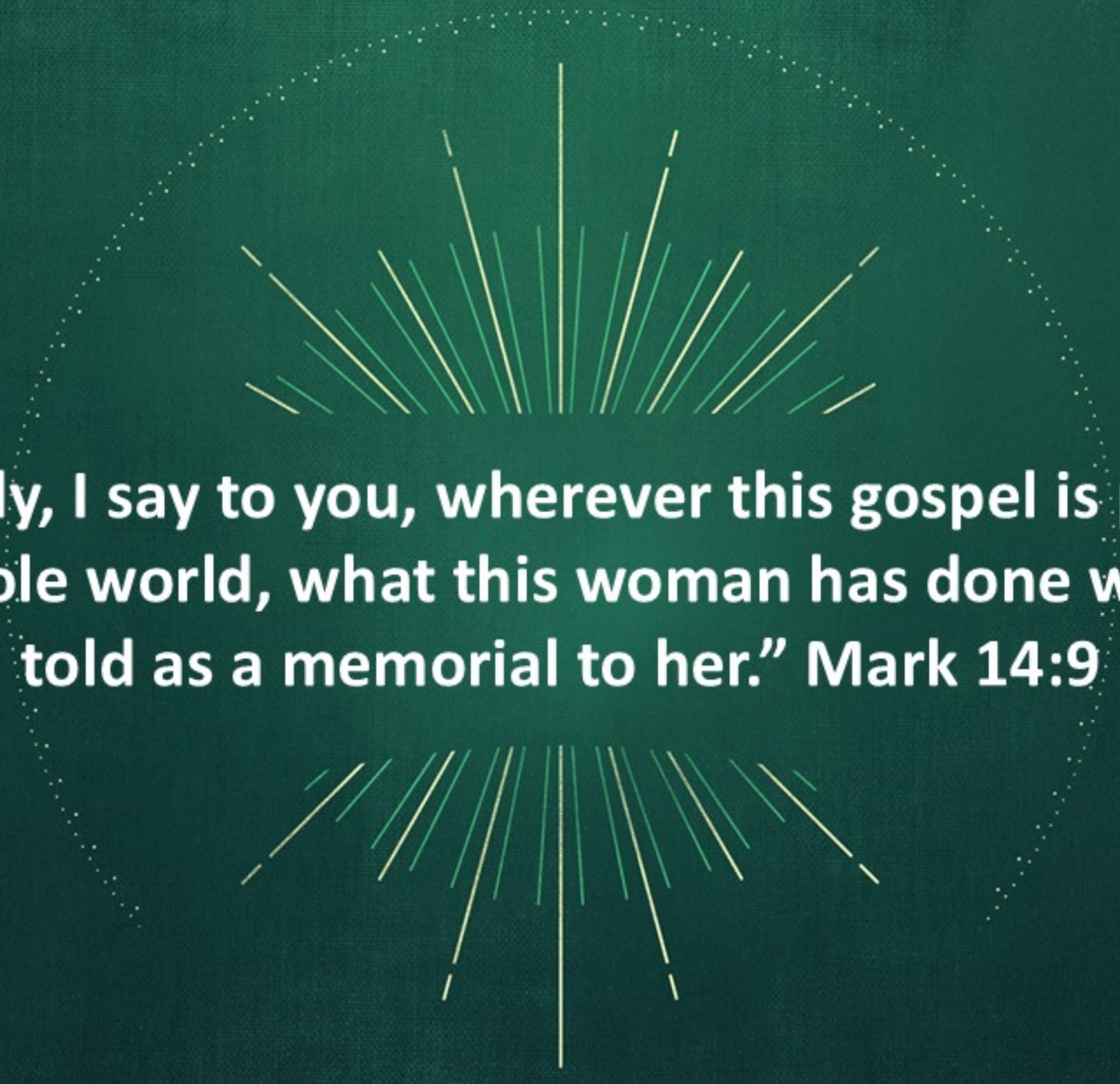
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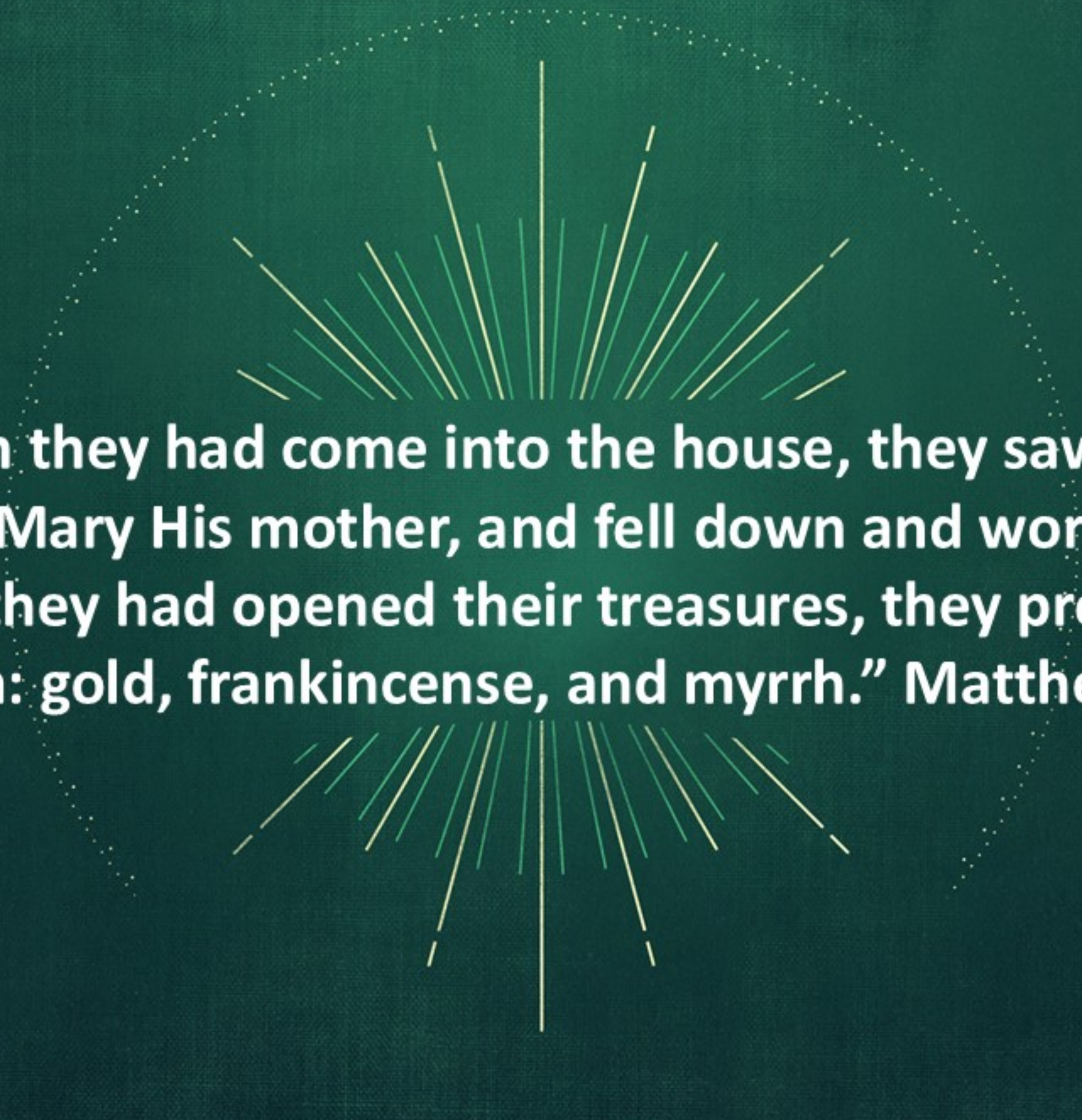
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**“Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached
in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be
told as a memorial to her.” Mark 14:9**



“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

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4. A Landscape of Division:
Many Jews witnessed the powerful scene
—some reacted with hostility, and some belief. (v.9-11)